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Re: Fee Wavier Request for Dedication to Westchester Strip Lots

Councilman Parks:

This letter is written to share a new thought for your consideration.

We want to acknowledge and congratulate your work to achieve budget discipline. We appreciate the difficulty of that effort.

The City's sidewalk repair need is also a major problem that you have expressed an interest in resolving. We share the sense that this infrastructure need is important to the public's safety and quality of life.

Isn't the City's facilitation of the Westchester Landscape Entry Project a desirable model of your philosophies for others to emulate in both of these critical areas? We can imagine you saying: "Local community leadership should entrepreneurially harness non-City funding for capital improvements and maintenance in the public rights of way, including the dedication of private properties." It is more difficult to imagine such initiative taking place if the City is going to assess a fee for it.

We believe that your support of this request is important for all of us. Thank you for your consideration of it. As we may assist in any way, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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